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1. Location :
The Malapane Iron Foundry (Polish designation: Huta Malapanew) is in Malapane (Ozimek), District of Oppeln.

 2. Dismantling :
Two 15-ton electric arc furnaces, a 6-ton electric arc furnace and a 2½-ton high-frequency furnace had already been dismantled in the electric steel works in the summer of 1945. About half of the workshop machines were dismantled. The dismantled installations were moved to Ashkabad, according to several workmen whom the Soviets sent with the dismantled equipment and who returned to the plant in 1946.

 3. Equipment :
The following installations are in operation: a 6-ton electric arc furnace, two 3-ton electric arc furnaces and a 2½-ton high-frequency furnace.

 4. Work force :
The Malapane Plant resumed operation in 1946, with a work force of about 1,300 men; in January 1950 about 1,500 men were employed. An additional 350 workmen are employed on the reconstruction of plant installations. The work force will be increased.

 5. Production :
Special and quality steels (most of them assisting steel castings)

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are produced. Attempt has been recently made to raise the production of high quality steels.

6. Raw materials :

The pig iron comes from the Bismarck Ironworks. Scrap is a constant bottleneck.

7. Outgoing shipments :

Steel castings for locomotive and railroad car plants go to the Malapane Wheel Plant, where wheel sets, light wheel sets, material for mine railroads, tank track links and bogie wheels are produced. Steel castings for bridge construction are delivered to shipyards and rolling mills. Steel castings are also exported.

Comment :

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a. The plant was originally a subsidiary of the Berg- und Huettenwerke des Preussischen Staates (Bergfiskus) (Mining and Ironworks of the Prussian State), in Berlin. This organization became the Preussische Bergwerks- und Huetten A.G. (Prussian Mining and Ironworks Corporation) in 1922. The plant was taken over in 1931 by the Vereinigte Oberschlesische Huettenwerke A.G. (Combined Upper Silesian Ironworks Corporation) in Gleiwitz.

b. Before World War II, the plant covered an area of 477,894 square meters, and had the following installations :

Electric steel plant, with three electric furnaces.

Annual capacity of 17,000 tons of electric steel, including 13,000 tons for steel castings.

Open-hearth plant, with two open-hearth furnaces.

Annual capacity of 154,000 tons of steel including 6,000 tons of steel castings.

Workshops for railroad and field railroad material.

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c. It can be concluded from para 2 and 3 that two additional electric steel furnaces were installed during the war. It can also be assumed that the open-hearth furnaces are still in operation.

According to para 7, tank parts were also manufactured in the workshops for railroad and field railroad material after the plant was taken over by Poland.

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